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1. Claims 1, 2 and 7-14 have been cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP 1214.06. Claim 15 is incomplete as it depends from cancelled claim 1. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to present claim 15 in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claim 15 and the application will be abandoned.

2. To expedite the processing of the allowance, application should also submit corrected formal drawings. The drawing corrections filed November 16, 2000 having been approved by the examiner.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Thomas J. Brahan at telephone number (703) 308-2568. The examiner's supervisor, Ms. Eileen Lillis, can be reached at (703) 308-3248. The fax number for all patent applications is (703) 872-9306.



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